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COMPETITIONS HELD OVER A COMMUNICATIONS
NETWORK

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Sir:

Pursuant to the Duty of Disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56, the references listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449 are hereby brought to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of each is enclosed.

The enclosed references are submitted as belonging to the background of the invention. The claimed invention is believed patentable over the enclosed references. The examiner is requested to make an independent judgment.

Respectfully submitted,

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